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REFERENDA AND PRIMARY ELECTION MATERIALS (ICPSR 0006)

COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections
for States

File Structure: rectangular
Cases: 3 to 254 per part
Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part
Record Length: 85 to 7,919
per part
Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data
Definition Statements
Record Length: 80

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

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ICPSR State Code 33

County or State Name

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November, 5, 1968

Yes = 1,012,235; No = 359,088

First Constitutional Amendment, Legislator May

Resign and Accept Other Office - "Shall the Con-

stitution of the State of Minnesota be amended

to permit a legislator, if he is elected or

appointed to another office, to assume the new

4

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

5

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 1,044,418; No = 316,916

Second Constitutional Amendment, Time for Presenting

Bills and Approval by Governor - "Shall the Con-

stitution of the State of Minnesota be amended

to give the legislature three days after adjourn-

ment to present bills to the governor and to give

6

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

7

Vote No (Against)

First Constitution Amendment (continued) - office if he resigns from the legislature or if his legislative term is completed?"

Second Constitutional Amendment (continued) - the governor 14 days in which to sign or veto bills passed during the last three days of a session?"

Source: Report of State Canvassing Board, General Election, November 5, 1968, Minnesota, Compiled by Secretary of State

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 969,774; No = 287,858Proposed Amendment.

"Shall Article IX, Section 1, of the Minnesota Constitution
be amended to enable the legislature to define or limit
certain categories of tax exempt property? -

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 700,449; No = 582,890Proposed Amendment.

"Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to
reduce the age requirement for voting from 21 to 19
years and provide an age requirement of 21 years to
hold elective public office?

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Total Votes: 1,773,838Total Number of Persons Voting

12

Total Vote

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 968,088; No = 603,385Amendment 1:**FLEXIBLE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

"Shall Article IV of the Minnesota Constitution be amended to alter the manner of determining the length of legislative sessions, permitting variations in the times for meetings of the legislature?"

13

Vote Yes (For)

14

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,012,916; No = 531,831Amendment 2:**REORGANIZATION OF STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

"Shall Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended to provide for the organization and conduct of the judicial power of the state, authorizing the discipline and removal of judges, permitting the legislature to provide for the assumption of the jurisdiction of the probate court, and providing for the appointment of the clerk of district court?"

15

Vote Yes (For)

16

Vote No (Against)

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,064,580; No = 503,342Amendment 3:**LT. GOVERNOR ELECTED WITH GOVERNOR; DUTIES CHANGED**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended in relation to the office of lieutenant governor, providing for his joint election with the governor, removing his duty to preside over the senate, and allowing his compensation to be set by law?"

17

Vote Yes (For)

18

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,131,921; No = 477,473Amendment 4:**AUTHORIZE BONUS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the payment of bonuses to veterans serving during the period of the Vietnam conflict and the levying of taxes for that purpose?"

19

Vote Yes (For)

20

Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 815,064; No = 311,781Amendment No. 1:**REVISE ORGANIZATION AND LANGUAGE OF CONSTITUTION**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended in all its articles to improve its clarity by removing obsolete and inconsequential provisions, by improving its organization and by correcting grammar and style of language, but without making any consequential changes in its legal effect?"

21

Vote Yes (For)

22

Vote No (Against)

1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 638,775; No = 474,519Amendment No. 2:**EASE VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended so future constitutional amendments will pass if approved by 55 percent of the voters voting on the issue or a majority of those voting in the election?"

23

Vote Yes (For)

24

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 741,353; No = 372,158Amendment No. 3:**ALLOW LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE RAILROAD TAXES**

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended to permit the legislature to establish the rate and method of taxing railroads?"

25

Vote Yes (For)

26

Vote No (Against)

 Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Minnesota

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1976 ReferendaGeneral ElectionNovember 2, 1976Yes = 552,593; No = 1,134,847

CA# 1: Shall Article XIV of the Constitution of the
state of Minnesota be amended to permit proceeds
resulting from any increases in motor fuel taxes to
be used for general purposes and to remove certain
restrictions on highway bonds?

27

Vote Yes (For)

28

Vote No (Against)

29

Total Votes

30

Vote Yes (Percent)

31

Vote No (Percent)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State Minnesota

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,036,581 No=754,935**FIRST--****REAPPORTIONMENT: TRANSFER TO A BIPARTISAN COMMISSION**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to transfer from the legislature to a bipartisan commission the power to draw the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts?

32

Vote Yes (For)

33

Vote No (Against)

34

Total Votes

35

Vote Yes (percent)

36

Vote No (percent)

State Minnesota

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1457,454 No=398,551**SECOND--****CAMPAIGN SPENDING: LIMITS AND DISCLOSURE**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require campaign spending limits for candidates for executive and legislative offices and public disclosure of campaign spending for all state candidates?

37

Vote Yes (For)

38

Vote No (Against)

39

Total Votes

40

Vote Yes (percent)

41

Vote No (percent)

State Minnesota

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=964,212 No=823,192**THIRD—****HIGHWAY BONDS: REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove restrictions on the interest rate for and the amount of trunk highway bonds?

42

Vote Yes (For)

43

Vote No (Against)

44

Total Votes

45

Vote Yes (percent)

46

Vote No (percent)

State Minnesota

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=970,407 No=854,164**FOURTH—****INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM: ESTABLISHMENT**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for initiative and referendum?

47

Vote Yes (For)

48

Vote No (Against)

49

Total Votes

50

Vote Yes (percent)

51

Vote No (percent)

State Minnesota

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=944,883 No=850,251**FIFTH--****NOTARIES PUBLIC: REMOVAL OF SENATE APPROVAL**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove the requirement that notaries public be approved by the senate?

52
53
54
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56Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsVote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982

Yes = 1,304,127 No = 385,738

FIRST

APPEALS COURT: PERMITTING ESTABLISHMENT

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the creation of a court of appeals?

57
58
59
60
61Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982

Yes = 1,103,221 No = 573,865

SECOND

HIGHWAY BONDS: REMOVING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove restrictions on the interest rate for and the amount of trunk highway bonds?

62
63
64
65
66Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot Proposals

General Election, November, 1982

Yes = 1,108,255 No = 624,721

THIRD**PARIMUTUEL BETTING: PERMITTING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the legislature to authorize on-track parimutuel betting on horse racing in a manner prescribed by law?

67
68
69
70
71

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot Proposals

General Election, November 2, 1982

Yes = 1,201,321 No = 492,736

FOURTH**RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT: PROVIDING BONDING AUTHORITY**

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for state bonding authority for the improvement and rehabilitation of railroad facilities?

72
73
74
75
76

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 1

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 1,176,809 No = 611,200

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow
the exchange of state-owned lands for other lands owned
by the state or local governments?

77

Vote Yes (For)

78

Vote No (Against)

79

Total Votes

80

Vote Yes (percent)

81

Vote No (percent)

Var #Description

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 2

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 1,139,390 No = 631,378

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove
constitutional restrictions on the investment of
the permanent school fund and to allow the limits on
the investment of the fund and the apportionment of
the returns on the investment to school districts
to be set by law?

82

Vote Yes (For)

83

Vote No (Against)

84

Total Votes

85

Vote Yes (percent)

86

Vote No (percent)

State MINNESOTA

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
87	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
88	Vote No (Against)	
89	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
90	Vote Yes (percent)	
91	Vote No (percent)	YES = 1,645,090 NO = 375,752

	YES
	NO

FIRST**ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND: TO ESTABLISH**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to establish a Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund for environmental, natural resource, and wildlife purposes?"

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
92	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
93	Vote No (Against)	
94	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
95	Vote Yes (percent)	
96	Vote No (percent)	YES = 1,205,730 NO = 806,766

	YES
	NO

SECOND**JURIES: TO ALLOW LESS THAN TWELVE MEMBERS**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the use of juries of less than 12 members in civil and nonfelony cases?"

State MINNESOTA

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
97	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
98	Vote No (Against)	
99	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
100	Vote Yes (percent)	
101	Vote No (percent)	YES = 1,214,032 NO = 843,307

	YES
	NO

THIRD**STATE LOTTERY: TO PERMIT LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE**

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the legislature to authorize a lottery operated by the state?"

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: MN

Variable #

Description:

V102 Vote Yes (For)
 V103 Vote No (Against)
 V104 Total Votes
 V105 Vote Yes (percent)
 V106 Vote No (percent)

Constitutional Amendment

Primary ☒ General Special Other
 Date: 11/6/90
 YES = 1,388,105 NO = 329,806

Constitutional Amendment to be voted on by the people.

	YES
	NO

LOTTERY PROCEEDS: TO ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate not less than 40 percent of the net proceeds from the state lottery to the Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund for environment, natural resources, and wildlife purposes until the year 2001?"